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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, JUDGE PAUL D. SEEMAN
RESIGNS FROM OFFICE AND COMMISSION DEFERS PROCEEDINGS
PENDING RESOLUTION OF CRIMINAL CASE

The Commission on Judicial Performance instituted a preliminary investigation of Judge Paul D. Seeman on June 29, 2011, and sent Judge Seeman a preliminary investigation letter on February 1, 2013. A criminal complaint was filed against Judge Seeman by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on June 14, 2012, and an amended complaint was filed on March 1, 2013. Pursuant to a stipulation between Judge Seeman and the commission, Judge Seeman has agreed to resign from judicial office immediately and not to seek or hold judicial office, or accept a position or assignment as a judicial officer, subordinate judicial officer or judge pro tem with any court in the State of California, or accept a reference of work from any California state court, at any time in the future. In light of Judge Seeman's resignation from judicial office, the commission has agreed to defer its preliminary investigation of Judge Seeman and further proceedings until his criminal case has been resolved.

This statement is issued by the commission pursuant to California Constitution, article VI, section 18, subdivision (k) and Commission Rule 102(c), which permit the commission to issue explanatory statements.

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The commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers and six public members. The chairperson is Mr. Lawrence J. Simi of San Francisco, California.

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